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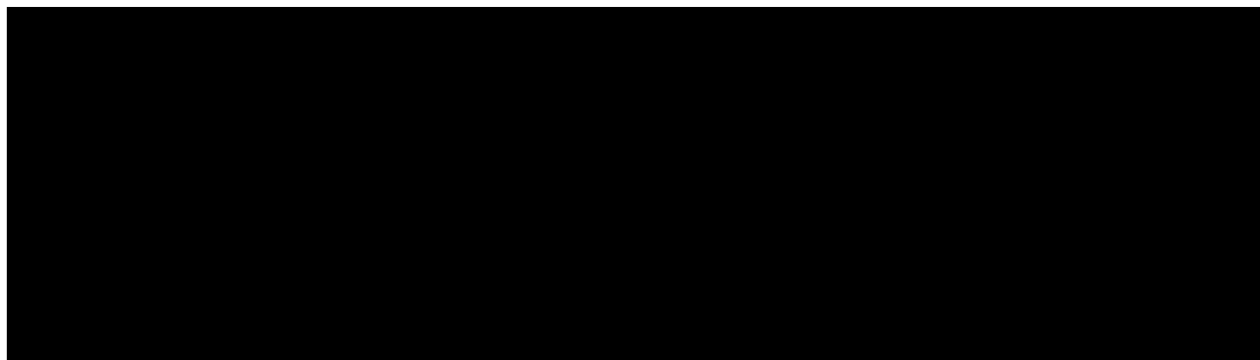
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1. In response to Emmett Echols' request, I approved of the purchase from appropriated funds of a portable chaplain's kit at an estimated cost of \$160.



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3. [redacted] advised me that the Director had received two or three letters recently about nepotism in CIA. I told Walt that a paper will be coming forward within a few days on our proposal for a summer employment program and suggested that these letters not be answered until our paper has been submitted.

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4. I met with Bob Fuchs, [redacted] to discuss John Clarke's table of organization. Of particular interest to us was the career service designation of the personnel in the Budget Division. We agreed on a position which I think I can sell to John Clarke.

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5. [redacted] reported that Colonel Berry from Secretary of Defense McNamara's office came over this afternoon to see and to discuss our communications facilities. Colonel Berry explained that Mr. McNamara had sent him because he was dissatisfied with the speed of Department of Defense communications and had been favorably impressed with ours.

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[redacted] and his people explained to Colonel Berry that we were not in competition with the military and that probably the difference was that we were smaller and more professional; i.e., our people are here for a career whereas the military communicators are primarily enlisted personnel who are not in the service for a career.

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25X1A 6. I advised Bob Bannerman that at the Executive Committee Meeting this morning [REDACTED] had advised the Director that Bud Wheelon wanted to talk to him as soon as possible about the various contracting options available in the NASA program. Bob was pleased to hear this since this whole program is of great interest to the Office of Security.

7. Bob Bannerman reported to me that General Carter had upheld Bob's position in their meeting with Bud Wheelon yesterday about CIA personnel being made witting of NRO projects.

25X1A6a 8. At about 3 p.m. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that a message had just been received from [REDACTED] saying that the embassy had been bombed and that he had ordered the evacuation of all Americans from [REDACTED]. I got in touch with General Carter and in the course of the afternoon talked with a number of people in the Agency and in the Department of State about this situation. In sum, [REDACTED] appeared to have hit the panic button very prematurely; and within the course of a few hours, following a telecon with [REDACTED] this order had been changed to the evacuation of dependents only on a voluntary basis and in an orderly manner. [REDACTED] task force was called into session, and four of its members were selected to go to [REDACTED] to assist with the reception, billeting, redeployment, and other arrangements for those dependents of Agency personnel evacuated. (As of the close of business on 5 February, the total number of dependents evacuated had reached [REDACTED])

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